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SUBJECT: Eau Claire County chronic wasting disease advisory team meeting to be held June 18

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**EAU CLAIRE, Wis. -** Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources staff and Wisconsin Conservation Congress representatives will host a public meeting June 18 to discuss surveillance and management options in response to the discovery of chronic wasting disease in a wild deer in western Eau Claire County.

The meeting will take place Monday, June 18 at 7 p.m. in the River Prairie Center, 1445 Front Porch Place, Altoona. A public comment period will be held during the meeting for citizens who wish to provide comments to the advisory team.

The Chippewa Valley CWD Advisory Team will assist DNR staff in finalizing recommendations regarding sampling strategies and responses to new CWD cases in the area encompassing parts of Buffalo, Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, and Trempealeau counties.

Bryan Richards, Emerging Disease Coordinator of the United States Geological Survey National Wildlife Health Center, will provide the advisory team with information regarding CWD history, research, surveillance, and management.

For more information regarding CWD in Wisconsin, visit dnr.wi.gov and search keyword "CWD."